

**SOUTH DAKOTA FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR'S CONFERENCE
JANUARY 14 & 15, 2012
RAMKOTA RIVER CENTER
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

FEATURED PRESENTERS: Chief Tiger Schmittendorf & Lt Paul Hasenmeier

Tiger Schmittendorf is an author, instructor, emergency manager, and a frequent presenter on the subjects of leadership, safety, command, recruitment, and retention. He serves the County of Erie (Buffalo, NY) Department of Emergency Services as Deputy Fire Coordinator, managing three training academies and 45 fire instructors in coordinating the training of 97 fire departments and 5,000+ firefighters.

Tiger has created a recruitment effort that doubled his own fire department's membership and helped net 525+ new volunteers countywide. He is a nationally certified fire instructor and has been a firefighter since 1980.

Paul Hasenmeier has been a firefighter since 2000. He is a lieutenant for the City of Huron (OH) Fire Department. He has a BA in fire science, has gained experience in numerous technical rescue disciplines, and is a member of Ohio's Region 1 USAR team. He is a lead instructor for the Ehope Career Center Fire Academy and adjunct instructor for BGSU state fire school. He is a contributing author to multiple trade publications and has presented for the FDIC, the NY Fire Chiefs, the Ohio Fire Chiefs, the Ohio State Firefighters Association, Fire Rescue Canada, and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association.

The Conference:

Motivate, Training & Leading Today's Firefighters

Adapted and expanded based on Schmittendorf's "From the X-Box to the Box Alarm" and Hasenmeier's "Train Like Your Life Depends On It," the goals of this program are to help the student:

- Quickly come to consensus that the majority of the challenges we face are in the firehouse, not the fire scene.
- Recognize generational differences and gain a clearer understanding of the next generation of firefighters and first responders and their expectations
- Identify methods to re-energize yourself, your company, and your department
- Understand how to sustain a high level of curiosity and enthusiasm in firefighters
- Understand how to consider reality while tolerating perplexity as you encounter change.
- Identify opportunities for change and solutions to the challenges we face.

2012 SDSFSI Conference Schedule, Fee, and Lodging Information

Saturday January 14, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Registration in the lobby outside the amphitheater

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the conference and introductions

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon – Class

Noon - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Class resumes

4:00 p.m. – Start of business meeting

Sunday January 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon – Class

12 Noon – Lunch and return to finish business meeting or finish business meeting and adjourn.

Membership/Registration Fee

The fee is \$25. Please make checks payable to the South Dakota Society of Fire Service Instructors.

Your membership/registration fee may be paid in advance (prior to 12/31/2011) by sending your check to:

**Leroy Aasen
SD Society of Fire Service Instructors
305 N Sun Crest Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57107**

If you plan on having the SDSFSI Treasurer bill your department for your membership/registration fee(s), please have a printed list of the attendee names and a mailing address to which the invoice should be submitted available at the time of the conference registration. This should help speed up the registration process on January 14, 2012.

Lodging:

A block of 60 rooms has been set aside at the Ramkota. Please call the motel directly at 605.224.6877 to make your reservations. Guests should state they are coming for the South Dakota Fire Service Instructor's Conference to receive the reduced rate on this block of rooms.